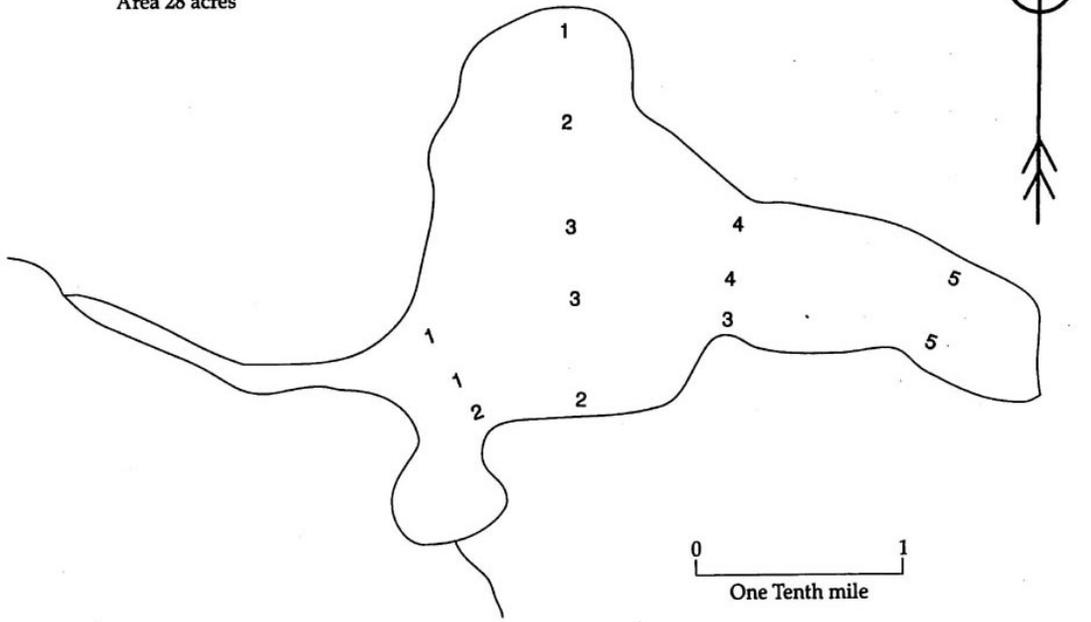


Midas #868
Squankin Pond
Monson, Piscataquis Co. ME
Area 28 acres



SQUANKIN POND

Monson, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Monson East, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnnows
Golden shiner
Common shiner

Finescale dace
Creek chub
White sucker

Physical Characteristics

Area - 28 acres

Maximum depth - 5 feet

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Temperatures:
Surface - 73°F
5 feet - 70°F

Squankin Pond is located in a cluster of small trout ponds in the town of Monson. The surrounding forest is predominantly softwood. The immediate shoreline of Squankin Pond is mostly rock and broken ledge. The bottom of the pond is covered with a thick layer of organic debris.

Access to Squankin Pond is via a 4-wheel drive road from the Elliotsville Road.

The inlet to Squankin Pond had no trout spawning habitat. The main channel is meandering and beaver activity was plentiful at the time of the survey. At the outlet of the pond, there is a 4-½ foot drop over a ledge to the outlet stream. Passage over this drop would be difficult during most times of the year. The stream below the falls is choked with alders and remnants of beaver activity. There are small pockets of gravel between rocks and boulders that could be utilized as brook trout spawning habitat. No trout were observed in the outlet.

The lack of accessible spawning habitat, summer water temperatures, and competition from other species, will limit the potential of the trout fishery at Squankin Pond. Although no trout were taken in the survey, anglers have caught them here. Some trout may drop down from North Pond into Squankin Pond.

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